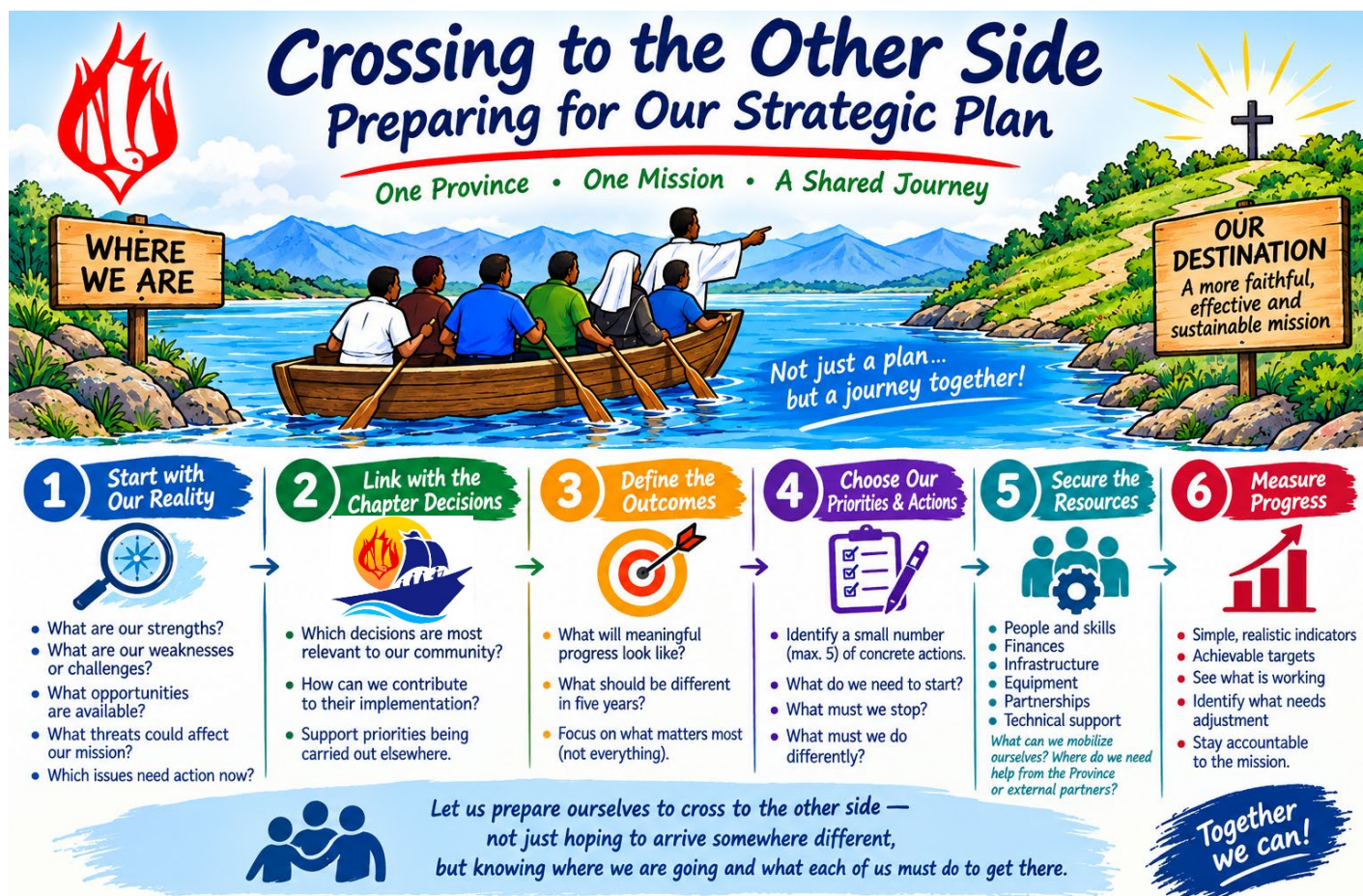


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That the Provincial Administration finalize the Province's Strategic Plan and ensure the effective implementation of its cascading model of responsibilities at the provincial, zonal, and local levels, so as to strengthen accountability and enhance coordination (Bagamoyo II, 2) 4th Provincial Chapter, No. 29

Preamble

As we prepare for the Strategic Plan Animation exercise, we are invited to pause and look honestly at where we are as a Province and, more importantly, where the Lord is calling us to go. The Provincial Chapter has given us important directions, but a strategic plan becomes meaningful only when its priorities are understood, owned and translated into concrete action in our communities. The next five years offer us an opportunity to move from good intentions to deliberate choices: to build on what is working, address what is holding us back, embrace new opportunities and let go of practices that no longer serve our mission. This requires the participation of every community and every confrere.

The animation sessions will therefore not be about presenting a finished plan for communities simply to receive. They are an invitation to discern together, take ownership and determine how each community can contribute to the common direction of the Province. Our preparation beforehand will make the sessions more meaningful and help us begin from a shared understanding of our present reality.

The image before us is simple: we are crossing to the other side of the lake. The question is not whether we want to cross, but whether we are prepared to agree on the destination, choose the right priorities and work together to get there.

Preparing Our Communities for the Journey

The Strategic Plan is intended to give practical direction to the life and mission of the Province over the next five years. It is not simply another document to be produced and placed on a shelf. It should help us make choices, focus our energy and translate the decisions of the Provincial Chapter into concrete action.

For this reason, every community is invited to begin preparing before the animation session. We need to ask ourselves where we are now, where we want to go and what we are prepared to do differently to get there.

First, we need to look honestly at our present reality. What are the strengths we can build on? What weaknesses or challenges are holding us back? What opportunities are available to us, and what threats could affect our mission? Most importantly, which issues require our attention and action now?

We should then consider the Provincial Chapter decisions from the perspective of our own community. Which of these decisions are most relevant to us? How can we contribute to their implementation? At the same time, we should recognize that the mission of the Province is shared. A community may also have a responsibility to support priorities being carried out elsewhere.

The next question concerns the results we want to see over the coming five years. What would meaningful progress look like? What should be different by the end of the planning period? Rather than trying to do everything, we need to identify the outcomes that matter most.

This calls for prioritization. Each community should be prepared to identify a small number of concrete actions-ideally not more than five-that will make the greatest contribution to the priorities of the Province. We should also be willing to ask difficult but necessary questions: What do we need to start? What should we stop? What must we do differently?

Good intentions alone will not carry us across the lake. We also need to identify the resources required for the journey: people and skills, finances, infrastructure, equipment, partnerships and technical support. Each community should distinguish between what it can mobilize itself and where it will need assistance from the Province or external partners.

Finally, we need to know whether we are making progress. The Strategic Plan should therefore be accompanied by simple and realistic ways of measuring results. Clear indicators and achievable targets will help us see what is working, identify what needs adjustment and remain accountable to the mission entrusted to us.

The forthcoming animation is therefore an opportunity for genuine participation. We are not being asked simply to react to a plan prepared elsewhere. We are being invited to help shape it, to connect the Provincial direction with our local realities and to take responsibility for our part in the journey.

The next five years will not be shaped by the Strategic Plan alone. They will be shaped by what we choose to do with it. Let us prepare ourselves to cross to the other side of the lake not merely hoping

to arrive somewhere different, but knowing where we are going and what each of us must do to get there.

UPDATE

Provincialate and Spiritan House Renovations: An Appeal for Solidarity



It is often said that renovation work is complicated and, in some cases, can cost more than building a new house altogether. Our experience with the renovation and relocation of the Provincialate has only confirmed this.

Real progress has been made at the Provincialate. The new kitchen is taking shape, though bringing it up to the standards expected today still requires significant investment. The rooms above the offices have already been transformed into ensuite units. What remains is the completion of plumbing, electrical, and masonry work, and this is where funding is now most urgently needed. The good news: the long

days of noise and clouds of fine dust have decreased significantly, a clear signal that we are moving toward completion.

Meanwhile, at the Spiritan house in Arusha, demolition began just a month ago and progress is already tangible. Debris removal continues alongside the raising of roughly 60% of the interior wall partitions.



Plumbing, electrical work, and architectural fixtures have not yet been touched, and new floor and sanitary tiles, not originally anticipated, are now part of the scope. These are real, additional costs, and they underscore how much is still needed to see this project through.

The end-of-year deadline is fast approaching, and what happens between now and then depends on your support and the generosity of our friends. Your contribution will make a direct and lasting difference in bringing both of these projects to the standard they deserve. These are not small repairs; they are

important investments in the future of the province.

This issue of the *Provincial Desk* is released together with a formal appeal for financial solidarity toward the completion of these two noble projects. To support this effort further, fundraising cards will also be made available. As always, we are grateful for your understanding and count on your continued support.

SAVE THE DATE

Diaconal Ordination

Date: 18 September, 2026

Venue: St. John the Evangelist Parish, Nairobi

Scholastics: Naftari Mgumba, Amani Cornelius Mwacha, Erick Kyara, Boniphace, Odera, Jackson

Kway and Edson Sambala.

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER		
Ricklan	Mallya	03
Peter	Mallya	09
Straton	Ngowi	12
Filbert	Kimaro	15
Francis	Kimaro	18
Albano	Mwombeki	21
+Shao	Augustine	25

VACATION

-  Gaspar Mushi
-  Clement Temba

We wish you a happy stay with your family and loved ones



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Fraternally,



Florentine Mallya, CSSp.
Provincial Superior

